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PATENT APPLICATION

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is a patent application entitled:
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADDING OR DROPPING A COMPONENT OF AN
OPTICAL SIGNAL

The enclosed application is:

- X Original
___ Continuation ___ Divisional ___ Continuation-In-Part
(CIP) of prior application No. _____

Enclosed are:

- X Specification, Claims and Abstract (30 Total Pages)
X Drawings (5 Total Sheets of X Formal ___ Informal)
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considered as being part of the disclosure of
the accompanying application and is hereby
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___ This application is being filed by fewer than
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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), and Form PTO-1449
☒ Copies of documents listed on Form PTO-1449.

☐ Preliminary Amendment
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☐ Priority is claimed under 35 USC §119 based on:

☐ A certified copy of the priority application is enclosed.

☒ Letter Requesting Non-Publication

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☐ The enclosed application is in the form of a foreign language text:

- ☐ An English translation is enclosed, along with a statement that the translation is accurate.
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Applicant is a ☒ large ☐ small entity.

- ☐ Small Entity Statement enclosed.
☐ Small Entity Statement filed in prior application.
 Status still proper and desired.

FEE CALCULATION (LARGE ENTITY RATE)					FEE
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					\$740.00
Total Claims:	25	-20 =	5	X \$18 =	\$ 90.00
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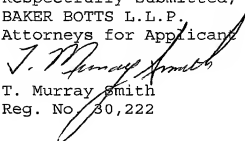
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(a), Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application not be published under 37 U.S.C. §122(b). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in the above-identified application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, which requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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